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FOOTBALL: Stones easily coast beyond Hayes

Wealdstone through in Middlesex Cup

By Ron Walker

WEALDSTONE powered into the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup with a 3-0 win over Hayes and Yeading at Grosvenor Vale on Tuesday night.

In the only game of the week, first-half goals from Ryan Sellers, Abobaker Eisa and Shaun Okojie - on his debut after arriving on loan from Aldershot Town on Monday - left the second 45 as little more than a training exercise.

A near full-strength side was fielded by manager Bobby Wilkinson, with eight of the starting 11 which had won at Welling United last time out named in the Stones' line-up.

And they waved away any cobwebs after 10 days without a game, taking a sixth-minute lead through Sellers, whose shot was saved by Luke Daley, only for the ball to eventually squirm through his fingers.

It was a case of déjà vu for the second-choice Hayes keeper 23 minutes in, when Eisa cut inside and hit an admittedly powerful shot goalwards, but one that the stopper should have done better to keep out.

Eisa could have ended the half with a hat-trick, but instead missed two other efforts and it was Okojie who ended up on the scoresheet.

He nodded in a close-range header to finish a tie Hayes had barely participated in, only coming close twice early on with the score goalless.

Okojie and Matty Whichelow both came close after the break but neither side added to the scoreline, and the Stones can now look forward to hosting Hungerford on Saturday.

Wealdstone: North, Oshodi, Sellers, Olomowewe, Day, Williams, Whichelow (O'Brien 65), Okimo, Okojie (Tiryaki 60), Green, Eisa (Fitchett 60).

Not used: Brown, Ngamvoulou.



Matty Whichelow could have scored against Hayes, but had a second-half shot saved as they cruised through. Picture: AQUEOUS SUN PHOTOGRAPHY

Sub Muir downs Harrow

HENDON EDGE PAST BORO TO GO THROUGH IN MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP

HARROW were beaten 2-1 by Hendon in the third round of the Middlesex Senior Cup at Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday night as Bostik Premier Division leading scorer Niko Muir struck late to seal the Greens' progression.

Both teams made changes from their previous league game but still named relatively strong sides, and the visitors started the better against their near-neighbours in the opening stages.

Ryan Moss and Reis Stanislaus both had early chances which went begging, and Harrow were convinced they had taken the lead before the interval when Tom Lovelock palmed away an effort which looked to have crossed the line, but the referee, who had a poor view, gave nothing.

And Hendon took advantage of that reprieve to lead seven minutes after half-time, when Keagan Cole was bundled over in the box. Sam Murphy's penalty was weak, but Ashley Nathaniel-George bundled in the rebound for the opener.

Harrow would level up with 17 minutes to go when the Greens failed to clear the ball and Kurtis Cumberbatch struck, finding the net via a deflection which gave Lovelock no chance.

With 10 minutes to go, Harrow were caught out as they left Muir completely unmarked to stride through their defence. Melvin Minter came off his line but was never going to get to the ball first, and he slotted home a 17th goal of the season which would prove the winner.

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